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DECISION

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance	:	Protest to the Inclusion of Certain
c/o Steve Bloch	:	Parcels in the February 20, 2007
425 East 100 South	:	Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111		

Protest Dismissed

On January 5, 2007, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued its Notice of Competitive Lease Sale (NCLS) thereby providing notice to the public that certain parcels of land would be offered in a competitive oil and gas lease sale scheduled for February 20, 2007.

In a letter received by the BLM on February 5, 2007, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance¹ (SUWA) protested 14 parcels.

By errata issued on February 13, 2007, 12 of the protest parcels were deferred (UT038, UT039, UT040, UT041, UT042, UT043, UT129, UT130, UT131, UT132, UT133, and UT134). On September 19, 2009 and February 22, 2012, refunds were issued on the remaining two parcels (UT027 and UT053, respectively).

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 C.F.R. Part 4 and instructions contained in Form 1842-1 (Enclosure 1). If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the address shown on the enclosed Form) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition for a stay pursuant to 43 C.F.R. Part 4, Subpart B § 4.21, during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition must show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

¹ SUWA also submitted their protest on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Wilderness Society, and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall be evaluated based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal, petition for stay, and statement of reasons also must be submitted to the Office of the Regional Solicitor, Intermountain Region, 125 South State Street, Suite 6201, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138, at the same time the original documents are filed in this office.

/s/ Juan Palma

Juan Palma
State Director

Enclosure

1. Form 1842-1

cc: James Karkut, Office of the Solicitor, Intermountain Region,
125 South State Street, Suite 6201, Salt Lake City, UT 84138

bcc: Lease Sale Book Feb07
Reading File UT-920
Central Files UT-950

UT922 pschuller:SUWA Protest Response 0207 3-1-13

Enclosure 1
Form 1842-1